GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE OF EXCAVATION PITS AT AYODHYA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent terrorist attack on Ayodhya's Ram Janambhumi-Babri Masjid complex has damaged some excavation pits where ASI tried to find out facts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ASI has surveyed the site;

(d) if so, the total damage caused to these excavation pits; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by ASI to save the excavated pits at the above complex?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. No damage has been caused to the excavated trenches at Ayodhya on account of recent terrorist attack.

(e) Weekly inspection of the excavated trenches at Ayodhya is being carried out as per the directives of the Hon'ble Special Full Bench of the Allahabad High Court, Lucknow Bench.